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## REPORT ON TRANSFER OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

On October 7, 2008, your Board approved a motion by Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich instructing the Chief Executive Office to develop recommendations to the Board within 30 days regarding the transfer of Alcohol and Drug Programs Administration (ADPA) from the Department of Public Health (DPH) to the Department of Mental Health (DMH).

Given the significance and potential consequences of the proposed transfer, we are requesting additional time to complete the comprehensive review we have initiated to date. We are researching the background of ADPA's current placement within DPH and the program responsibilities of both ADPA and DMH, studying the merits of comparable organizational models from other counties, and developing information about the feasibility, benefits, and consequences of transferring ADPA to DMH. In addition, both DPH and DMH have client and provider constituencies, including their respective advisory Commissions, which we will involve in our review through the departments' respective stakeholder processes.

In addition to stakeholder input, we will also review studies that were previously conducted regarding this proposed transfer such as the report prepared by the Los Angeles County Civil Grand Jury. As part of an analysis of implementing a health authority for the County's health and hospital system, the 2004-05 Grand Jury recommended that the County consider placing the ADPA function under DMH and creating a Behavioral Health Department. However, on May 30, 2006, the Board approved the creation of DPH, including the continued placement of ADPA within DPH.

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Accordingly, we anticipate providing your Board with a written progress report by mid-December 2008 and a final report by March 2009. This time frame will allow us to conduct a meaningful analysis, make sound recommendations and, should a transfer be recommended, prepare for any necessary personnel changes or adjustments to the departments' annual budgets.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me, or your staff may contact Richard Martinez at (213) 974-1758 or [rmartinez@ceo.lacounty.gov](mailto:rmartinez@ceo.lacounty.gov) or David Seidenfeld at (213) 974-1457 or [dseidenfeld@ceo.lacounty.gov](mailto:dseidenfeld@ceo.lacounty.gov).

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